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OF STERILIZING THE PACKAGE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the final Office Action of February 28, 2003. This communication is filed as a submission under 37 CFR 1.114. A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.

Please amend the claims by canceling claims 25 to 33 and replacing them with new claims 34 to 42 as set out below under the heading "Clean Copy of the Claims".